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SIMMONS PAYS TRIBUTE TO LYME-OLD LYME "TECHNO-TICKS"



WASHINGTON, D.C. – Rep. Rob Simmons, R-2nd District, today congratulated the Lyme-Old Lyme Robotics Team – known as the “Techno-Ticks” – for their stellar showing in the “For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST)” robotics competition. For the fourth year in a row, the Techno-Ticks won the New England Region “Chairman’s Award.”

“I congratulate the members of the Lyme-Old Lyme Techno-Ticks,” Simmons said. “The U.S. leads the world in technology and innovation. But the only way we will maintain our leading edge is if our young people dedicate themselves to the study of science and technology. The motivated and talented Techno-Ticks students illustrate that America’s future in science and technology is in good hands.”

The FIRST Robotics Competition is a multi-national competition that teams professionals and young people to solve an engineering design problem in an intense and competitive environment. In 2006, the competition will reach over 28,000 high-school-aged young people on over 1,125 teams in 33 regional events. The competitions are high-tech spectator sporting events, the result of lots of focused brainstorming, real-world teamwork, dedicated mentoring, project timelines, and deadlines.

The FIRST Robotics Competition’s Chairman’s Award recognizes a team’s commitment and efforts toward achieving this goal. It remains FIRST’s most prestigious award. As the New England Regional Award winners the Lyme-Old Lyme Techno-Ticks receive Chairman Award medallions and a unique permanent FIRST Chairman’s Award Regional trophy.

Simmons concluded, “These students have a passion for learning and are eager to help solve our nations’ and the worlds’ most pressing problems. I congratulate the Techno-Ticks on their accomplishments and encourage them to continue to pursue knowledge. The lessons they are mastering today will serve them, and our nation, in the world of tomorrow.”

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